

Amendments to the Claims

The following Listing of Claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in this application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1 (previously amended). A pharmaceutical tablet composition comprising an effective amount of amlodipine free base and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable excipient; wherein said amlodipine free base is selected from the group consisting of crystalline Form I amlodipine free base, crystalline Form II amlodipine free base, and mixtures thereof.
- 2 (original). The composition according to claim 1, wherein said tablet leaves an average residue on the tablet punch of $0.7 \mu\text{g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$ per tablet or less.
- 3 (original). The composition according to claim 1, wherein said excipient is a calcium phosphate.
- 4 (original). The composition according to claim 1, wherein said excipient is microcrystalline cellulose.
- 5 (original). The composition according to claim 3, which further comprises microcrystalline cellulose.
- 6 (original). The composition according to claim 5, wherein said calcium phosphate is anhydrous calcium hydrogen phosphate.
- 7 (original). The composition according to claim 1, wherein said amlodipine free base is crystalline form II amlodipine free base.
- 8 (previously amended). The composition according to claim 1, wherein said amlodipine free base is crystalline Form I amlodipine free base.
- 9 (original). The composition according to claim 1, wherein said amlodipine is a mixture of crystalline amlodipine free base form I and form II.
- 10 (original). The composition according to claim 1, wherein said tablet contains 1 to 100 mg of said amlodipine free base.

11. Cancelled.

12 (currently amended). A method of treating or preventing hypertension, angina, or congestive heart failure, which comprises administering the composition according to claim 1 ~~an effective amount of amlodipine free base~~ to a patient in need thereof.

13-34. Cancelled.

35 (previously presented). The composition according to claim 1, wherein said amlodipine free base was incorporated into said composition in the form of particulates having an average particle size of at least 100 microns.

36 (previously presented). The composition according to claim 35, wherein said average particle size is 150-350 microns.

37 (previously presented). The composition according to claim 36, wherein said average particle size is 200-300 microns.

38. Cancelled.

39 (previously presented). The composition according to claim 35, wherein said excipient is anhydrous calcium hydrogen phosphate.

40 (previously amended). The composition according to claim 36, wherein said excipient is anhydrous calcium hydrogen phosphate and said composition further comprises microcrystalline cellulose; and wherein said tablet leaves an average residue on the tablet punch of $0.6 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ per tablet or less.

41 (previously presented). The composition according to claim 1, wherein said composition is in the form of a round tablet.

42 (previously presented). The composition according to claim 41, wherein said tablet is a round tablet having a diameter of about 20 mm.

43 (new). A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of crystalline amlodipine free base and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

- 44 (new). The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 43, which further comprises an ACE-inhibitor or a cholesterol-lowering agent.
- 45 (new). The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 44, wherein said ACE-inhibitor is benazepril and said cholesterol-lowering agent is selected from lovastatin, simvastatin, and atorvastatin.
- 46 (new). The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 45, wherein said composition comprises said cholesterol-lowering agent selected from lovastatin, simvastatin, and atorvastatin.
- 47 (new). The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 43, wherein said composition is a tablet or capsule.
- 48 (new). The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 47, wherein said crystalline amlodipine free base is not Form II crystalline amlodipine free base.
- 49 (new). The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 47, wherein said crystalline amlodipine free base is Form I crystalline amlodipine free base.
- 50 (new). The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 47, which is in the form of a capsule and which further comprises benazepril hydrochloride.
- 51 (new). The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 47, which is in the form of a tablet and which further comprises benazepril hydrochloride.
- 52 (new). Crystalline amlodipine free base.